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(54) Carbon nanotube device, manufacturing method of carbon nanotube device, and electron emitting device

(57) The present invention discloses a carbon nanotube device comprising a support having a conductive surface and one or more carbon nanotubes, one of whose terminus binds to the conductive surface so that conduction between the surface and the carbon nanotube is maintained, wherein a root of the carbon nanotube where the carbon nanotube binds to the conductive surface is surrounded by a wall. Such a carbon nanotube device, having carbon nanotubes with a uniform direction of growth, can generate a large quantity of emitted electrons when it is used as an electron emission device.

FIG. 8A

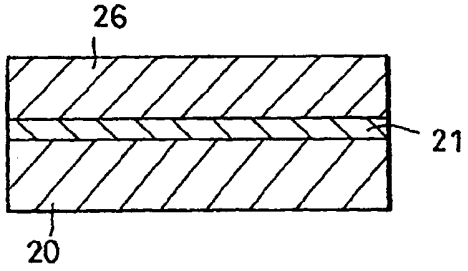

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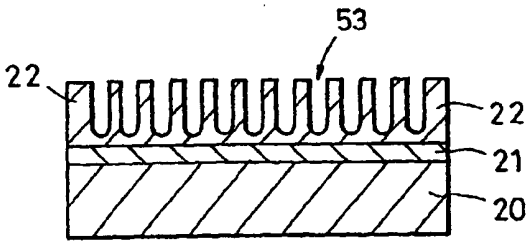
FIG. 8B



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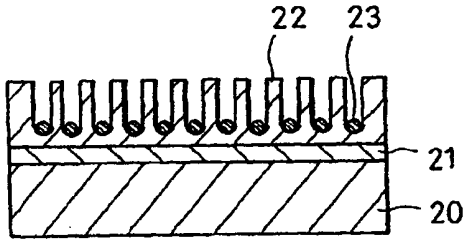

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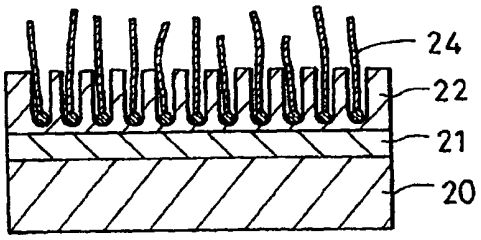

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